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Kiyan

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Kiyan was a member of the School of the Cat, who was tortured and experimented on to the brink of insanity by a renegade mage, Ireneus Var Steingard. He also made Kiyan an energumen, leaving Kiyan a mere shell of who he used to be. If the tales of the bard Dandelion are to be believed, at some point during the 1270s, he was mercifully killed by a certain legendary white-haired Wolf Witcher. Later on, his suffering would be avenged by her schoolmate, Jolanta Dinmarb, in the early 1280s, when she ended up killing his torturer.

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Kiyan

Biographical Information

Born	1249
Birthplace	Rivia
Status	Deceased (Mercy killed by Geralt of Rivia)
Died	1272
Deathplace	Ireneus var Steingard's lab

Physical Description

Race	Human (Witcher)

Biography

Early life

Gender	Male
Hair	Black
Eyes	Orange (early) Red
Skin	Pale
Political Information	
Profession	• Witcher • Assassin
Affiliation	School of the Cat
Alias(es)	Mad Kiyan
Nationality	Rivian
Relationships	
Lover(s)	Muneera (girlfriend)

Kiyan was an orphan born in Rivia who lived on the harsh streets as a petty thief, stealing trying to earn money. While living like this, he planned on stealing one nobleman's purse as he heard rumors about it having various jewels. While on it, he met a girl named Muneera, who had the same fate as him. They then proceeded to get in a heated argument, which caused the guards to run after them. Kiyan was grabbed by the guardsman, however he was saved by Muneera who threw sand in the soldier's eyes. After this experience, they decided to stick together, to help each other out. Their relationship was full of contention and slight distrust. They tried to steal more and more just to prove each other that they are better than each other. Once, after one of Kiyan's succeeded, Muneera and Kiyan were taking a walk in the streets. However, they fell victim to bandits who recognized them as someone who snitched on their ataman's fisstech purveyance to the Rivian guards. However, before the kids were killed by bandits, they were saved by a witcher who mowed them down. The witcher then examined the little thiefs, and seeing them as someone who are goal-oriented and slightly bold, decided to take the orphans with him to the School of the Cat, to the Dyn Marv Caravan, where they would underwent mutations and training.

Life at Dyn Marv Caravan and Stygga

Kiyan underwent infamous trials, with the results being partially successful. His mutations granted him quick regeneration; however, gave him a low tolerance for pain, making him vulnerable to physical affects. After the trials, Kiyan developed problems with his temper, recklessness, and self-control, which played cards against him throughout his life. Reprimands from Caldigi for that behaviour rankled the new, headstrong witcher - he expected to be treated as a

hero, but instead felt like a mere burden, which fed his anger more.

Relationship with Muneera

He saw Muneera pass the trials as well and would be paired with her for continuous training. As the training continued, they began to develop a romantic relationship with each other, trying to ease their minds with their presence, which was needed for both teenagers due to the stressful and difficult training. As a sign of trust and concordance, and by a secretly help of Idarran of Ulivo, they made their medallions to emit supernatural essence so their emotions would be connected to each other, calming their tortured emotions after passing their last training. In 1267, when they finally finished their training, after a certain witcher named Tezdo snitched on them to Guxart, he banned them from setting out on the path until they will be able to live separated. Since both Kiyan and Muneera were young, they had to listen to the Grandmaster's words, but would then continue to secretly meet each other.

In 1269, during one of their secret meetings, the Dyn Marv Caravan fell victim to Lexandre's "uprising" and later Nilfgaardian soldiers. Kiyan and Muneera had to defend themselves from Nilfgaardian soldiers, and hold a little while longer until Gwasgida would be able to save them. When Muneera was about to get killed by Nilfgaardian soldiers, she was saved by Dragonfly who quickly saved her using the Aard sign. Kiyan, thankful to her, said that he is in her debt. After this, Kiyan, Muneera and other surviving witchers took shelter in the Stygga castle, with Dragonfly being the leader.

Dragonfly dispatched Kiyan and Muneera to search for diagrams and create the new crossbow of the Cat School that was once developed by Guxart for future generations. When leaving the destroyed keep, Muneera asked Kiyan to stay safe. He assured her that he will return to her, and left.

Searching for diagrams

In search of masters to create the crossbow, he once took a contract from Prince Adrien, who agreed to grant him a newly created School of the Cat crossbow in exchange for a contract. In order to find the fabled wealth of King Maeglor of Est Tayiar, the prince organized a trip to the island. Adrien hired the young witcher to

work as the expedition's protection, but his secret objective was to murder its members and return whatever blueprints they discovered to Adrien.

Kiyan went to Est Tayiar with the expedition companions after meeting them at Drahim Castle. Kiyan insisted that the team turn over the diagrams they had discovered. The expedition's head professor declined. A few days later, Kiyan attacked, killing every member but Professor Sigismund Gloger, who managed to flee using a portal. Following the slaughter, Kiyan gave Prince Adrien the researchers' severed heads and the leftover diagrams. They split the diagrams between them as per their agreement. Seeing how Kiyan was effective, Adrien offered him a job to work as his bodyguard. Kiyan, seeing that he must find the other diagrams and bring them to Dragonfly, declined Adrien's offer and instead accepted a job on the Flying Stag.

At some point during this period, nterested in doing a extensive research to created better homunculi, Ireneus var Steingard, a mage, bribed the captain to let him and Kiyan share a cabin after stopping in Bremervoord on the way to Novigrad. The witcher was to be studied and kidnapped by the magician for his perverse experiments. However, Ireneus found it impossible to operate in an open manner due to Kiyan's excellent observation, so the wizard had to utilize psychic spells to subdue him. Then, using a storm to hide his tracks, Ireneus transferred Kiyan and himself to his laboratory. The entire crew perished when the ship was finally sunk by the storm.

Ireneus' abuse

Kiyan was bound to the chair in the sadistic mage's lab underneath the temple isle. Ireneus brainwashed and tortured the witcher in there. Ireneus tortured Kiyan for 2 days straight to completely break him, and forced him to reveal various witcher secrets. Kiyan told things that were known to the mage already, refusing to say anything else.

Ireneus also forced Kiyan to reveal what his objective was; Kiyan had to reveal that he was out on a quest to find witcher diagrams of his school. Seeing as Kiyan's hope to be found, the mage misled Kiyan into thinking that his friends had deserted him and that he would never be saved as part of his psychological scheme. Kiyan remained resilient and clung to the hope that Dragonfly was searching for him and would soon locate him. But while

Ireneus kept Kiyan under the influence of potions and sorcery, he began to weaken his will.

The abuse continued for over a year, and the mage would also let his students torture the witcher. Ireneus also branded Kiyan's chest, seeing him as his property. When the witcher was finally broken, Kiyan was stuck in his cell, barely able to eat and drink; happy with the results, Ireneus decided to possess a demon in witcher's body, wanting him to be his weapon. He trapped him in the demonic circle and successfully made the demon possess his body. This turned Kiyan into a walking corpse, puppeteered by a being of the Chasm. The boiling essence of the demon made Kiyan lose his skin, his eyes went red, and become filled with murderous rage. After possession, Kiyan escaped his circle and killed Ireneus' student, and almost killed him. Ireneus and his only surviving student survived the attack and locked the door, so the tortured witcher wouldn't get out. However, Ireneus still had to kill the surviving student, as he was seen as a witness to inhuman torture; afterwards, the mage threw the student's body into the pool with drowners.

A few weeks later, Kiyan's door opened once again. Pain and most likely rage driven witcher, attacked an intruder. The intruder was according to Dandelion's tales, as mentioned before, Geralt of Rivia, who, after a brief fight, killed Kiyan, ending his torment.

Appearance

Like many other witchers after the mutations, Kiyan was pale and slim. However, his body was still muscular. The young witcher's face had acne that appeared even after heavy mutations, and black circles under his cat-like eyes. He had scars on his cheeks that he got from hunting monsters and fights. He had black grown hair with messy strands that sometimes fall onto his eyes, which he refused to cut even after Guxart ordered him. He had a visible jawline and small pale blue lips. His empty gaze would sometimes terrify people around. However, after he became an energumen to the sadistic mage's experiment, his skin peeled off his body, his hair fell off, his eyes went demonic red.

Legacy

When the revelation about Kiyan's death was found out by the members of the

School due to the bard Dandellion's tale, the witchers mourned his death, with some wanting to take revenge. First, it was Muneera, who, after an investigation under the Temple Isle, found her soulmate's body. She then swore to find the one who was responsible for his death. During the investigation, she found out that Kiyan was killed by another witcher's blade, with his school's diagrams being stolen. So, after realizing all this, she made an investigation that went on until 1273, where she finally confronted the killer of her soulmate. Muneera first attempted to kill the witcher, but the latter revealed that he had to kill him in self-defense, while also putting an end to the broken witcher's torment. First, Muneera was skeptical, but after the witcher also revealed that Kiyan was put to misery by a mage Ireneus Var Steingard, she stormed off, after demanding the diagrams.

Muneera tracked down Ireneus and found him in Tretogor, with the help of Sigismund Dijkstra. She found him in one of Tretogor's towers, where he took residence. When she entered the tower, she quickly took out Ireneus and then proceeded to torture him in a way he had tortured Kiyan. Unfortunately for Muneera, Ireneus escaped from her grasp without any way to track him down. The witcheress, however, tried to see a positive side to this, thinking that Ireneus didn't deserve to die but to live on with misery.

In 1280, Jolanta Dinmarb, an another witcheress from the School of the Cat, during one of her contracts with Putnam Pitch, attempted to kill the mage just as when she learned that the mage was present. However, Ireneus learned from his last mistake when the last witcheress infiltrated her tower, thus he escaped and set off a trap that filled the tower with gas. Once again, the renegade mage escaped. However, in late October, Jolanta and Putnam encountered Ireneus again, this time k. The turning point came when they defeated a Greater Brother who had been repurposed by Telawel radicals once members of the Salamandra criminal organization to defend the wizard who had been abducted for their extreme goals. Putnam stopped Jolanta from killing Ireneus when they arrived in order to exact revenge for what he had done to Kiyan. Putnam thought the mage should have a fair trial despite his misdeeds. The two eventually engaged in a duel as a result of the increased tension. Jolanta won this duel and was able to kill the mage at last.

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